



# AN UNLIKELY DISCIPLE

Matthew 9:9-13

# The New Testament

## *MATTHEW*

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

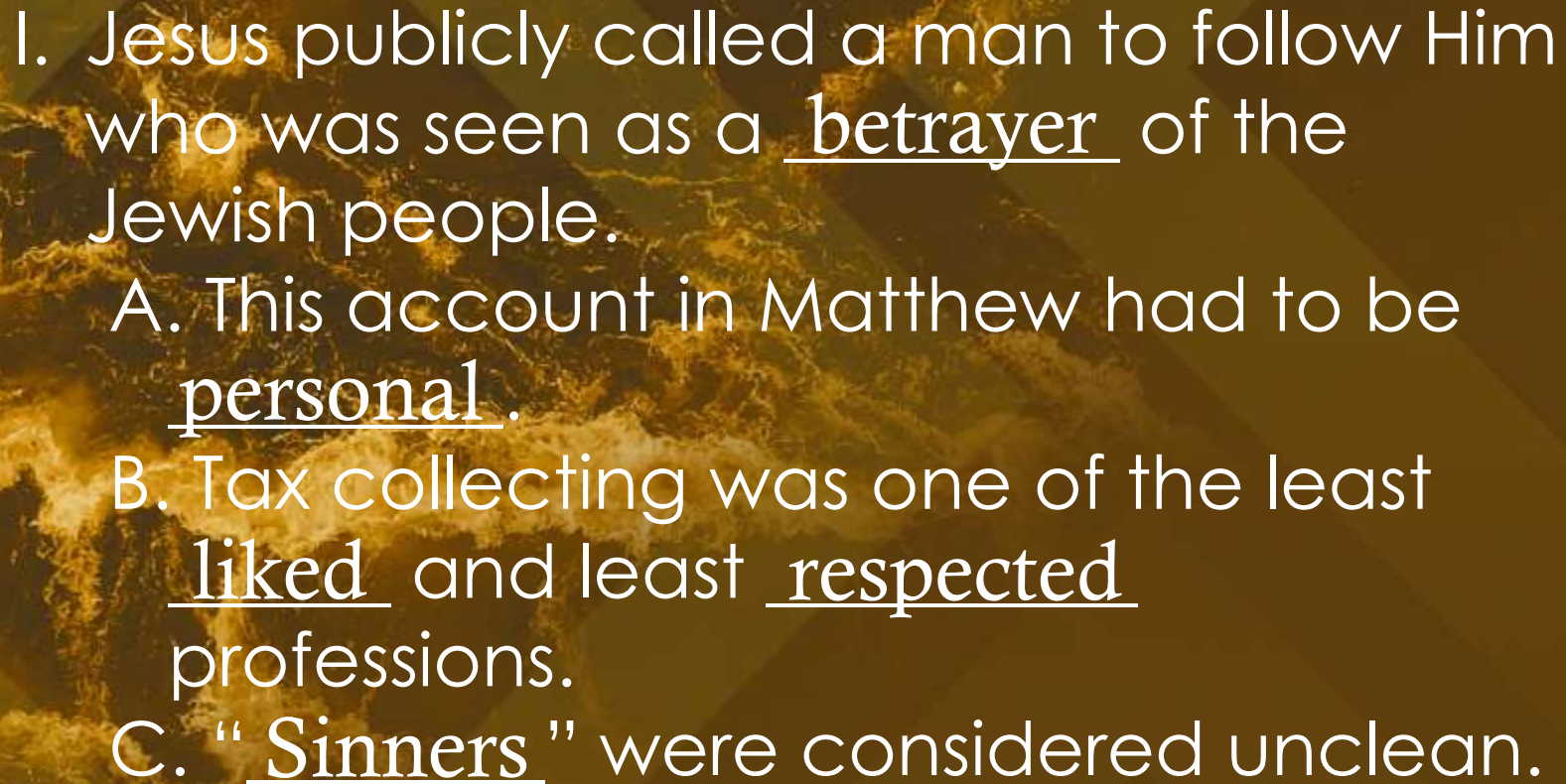
Jude

Revelation



The calling of Matthew isn't just  
about Matthew.



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- I. Jesus publicly called a man to follow Him who was seen as a betrayer of the Jewish people.
    - A. This account in Matthew had to be personal.
    - B. Tax collecting was one of the least liked and least respected professions.
    - C. “Sinners” were considered unclean.



II. Jesus faced immediate, intense public criticism.

A. Jesus agreed that sinners were sick / lost.

B. Jesus did disagree when it comes to their value. Consider Luke 15

C. Throwing a rope to the person who knows they are drowning makes complete sense.

III. Jesus publicly answered their criticism of hanging out with sinners in three ways.

A. This man (like all sinners) is sick.

B. Learn what it means in Hosea 6:6 when God says, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice."

C. "I came NOT to call the righteous, but sinners."





3 important lessons Jesus is teaching.

1. Jesus came to save sinners.

2. Jesus will not be deterred.

3. When one sinner comes home to Jesus a party breaks out in heaven. “On earth as it is in heaven...” is our invitation to join the party.



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